

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 21, and continuing to page 6, line 10, with the following amended paragraph.

Referring to **FIG(S). 1** through **4**, there is shown a simple, completely disposable embodiment of the ant deterring device **11** consisting of the disposable media **27**, i.e. paper, vinyl, thin-flexible foam, Tyvek®, etc. with the applied insect deterring (non-drying) adhesive pattern **13**. The device **11** has a center hole cut out as shown at **19** and a clearly identified non-adhesive coated region **15** for convenient handling. **FIG. 3** shows a section view of the device **11** where the bottom layer or media **27** is shown under non-drying adhesive layer **25** and a low surface adhesion contact paper covering **23** that allows for convenient handling. **FIG. 4** shows a sheet **31** consisting of a multiple of the ant deterring devices **11**. The sheet **31** is perforated to allow for the convenient removal of the devices **11**. Although not shown in **FIG. 4** the sheet **31** is protected with a top layer of similarly perforated contact (low adhesion paper as is commonly used with self-adhesive labels) paper. This contact paper **23** allows for removing the devices **11** and their subsequent handling without the user coming into contact with the very sticky, non-drying adhesive **13**. The protective contact paper **23** is easily removed after pulling the device **11** from the sheet **31**.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 17 - 24, with the following amended paragraph.

The ant deterring device **11** is provided with a center hole at **19** for interference fitting with the feeder hanging hook **31** or the mounting stem **41**. It is desirable that the device **11** mounting hole **19** have some resilient elasticity to form a

continuous contact point or impassable barrier at the mounting point. The vinyl, Tyvek® and thin-flexible foam media 27 may be preferred for the device **11** as they will provide for some elastic expansion and securing friction of the mounting hole **19**. An alternative configuration not shown, would use a flexible center grommet or other means to hold the ~~any~~ ant deterring device **11** directly to the feeder hanging cord **47** or alternative feeder hanging hardware.

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 13 - 21, with the following amended paragraph.

Referring to the **FIG. 18**, there is shown a feeder with a removable top **111** and nectar reservoir (bowl) **121**. The underside of the feeder top **111** is adapted to receive an annular (center hole in disposable media 115, shown at 117) shaped insect deterring adhesive disk **113** at the underside surface as shown at **119**. This insect deterring disk **113** is protected from rain and dust by the feeder top **111** and will be an effective insect deterrent when the feeder is hung from above by the hook **31**. In a similar manner the feeder bowl **121** has a lower surface adapted to receive an annular (center hole at **117**) shaped insect deterring adhesive disk **113** at the underside surface as shown at **125**. This insect deterring disk **113** is protected from rain and dust by the feeder bowl **121** and will be an effective insect deterrent when the feeder is pole **123** mounted.